

COLFAX CITY COUNCIL
May 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Retzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Golden, Guenther, Christopherson, Mackleit, Miller, Kackman and Huntwork: Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 Council meeting. Roll Call: All Yes.

GOOD OF THE CITY:

The banners on Main Street honoring this year's seniors look great. Shawnda Booth headed up the project with help from several other senior parents, Greg's Electric, Harrison Electric and Steve Larkin.

BILLS AND CLAIMS:

A motion was entered by Christopherson, seconded by Guenther to approve all bills and claims as presented. Roll Call: All Yes.

CLAIMS

6505, 6415-6450 & EFT
\$61,441.05

PAYROLL

6406-6414 & EFT
\$49,389.99

GRAND TOTAL: \$110,831.04

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police:

Police Chief Bruce Blood reported our current officer in the academy Chase Kurtz is doing well and has passed all the evaluations and tests to date.

Tyler Paris our other new officer is currently in week 3 of his FTO Training and progressing nicely.

Administration:

Finance Director/City Administrator Chris Mathis reported she has been working on the annual report due this month.

Mathis is also hoping to get applicants to apply for the Building and Community Development position recently vacated by Steve Bretveld. Currently Bretveld is able to help us out with answering emails, phone calls and completing inspections on Saturdays.

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Fire:

Firefighter Tim Tingley reported they are in the final stages of hiring for the two vacant full-time firefighter positions.

Retzer clarified the city received a second letter of resignation from the fire department, David Brown turned in his resignation in April. This followed the resignation from Jake Smith back in February. The city recently held oral board exams for the firefighter vacancy created by Smith. There were 6 applicants, 5 with passing oral board scores and one that backed out at the last minute, leaving us with a list of 4 that was certified by the Civil Service Commission on April 27th. Mayor/ Chief Interviews were held May 4th and out of the 4 applicants 2 were selected to move on to the background check and psychological testing phase. After these two tests are complete those positions will be filled and the department is back up to full staff.

Retzer thanked Deputy Clerk Amanda Link, Kramlich and Mathis for all the work that has been put in with this hiring process, keeping everything in order during the interviewing and hiring process.

Christopherson asked how we are getting applicants for the Fire Department so quickly.

Retzer explained it hasn't been so quickly due to the process was started back in February.

Mathis interjected we started advertising when Smith turned in his resignation. The city uses a site called Public Safety Testing for hiring police and fire. It was also in the paper, on the website and on Facebook, this process is solely for first responder services it does not apply with the Building Inspector position. We have advertised in the paper, website, Facebook and WABO (Washington Association of Building Officials) for the Building Inspector position.

MAYORS REPORT:

Retzer visited the Serfes new restaurant which is located at the old Imperial on Main Street and was given a tour of the progress on the building as they are busy renovating.

Retzer has heard talk of another coffee shop opening up in town, no definite location as of now.

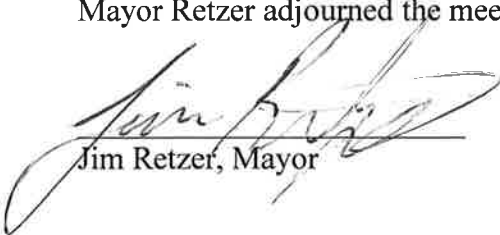
OTHER:

Guenther reminded the council that it is time for candidate filing this week, there are 3 seats on the council open for the coming election.

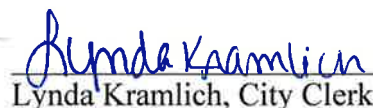
Graduation will be June 5th there will be a small parade for the graduates to participate in after graduation. Retzer, the fire department and the police department will all help facilitate traffic control for the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Retzer adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Jim Retzer, Mayor



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk